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In re Patent Application of:  
Sakae Shibusawa et al.

Allowed: March 24, 2005

Application No.: 10/030,402

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For: SOIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT, SOIL  
MEASUREMENT ASSISTING DEVICE  
AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM  
ON WHICH PROGRAM IS RECORDED,  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH  
DATA IS RECORDED, APPLICATION  
AMOUNT CONTROLLER,  
APPLICATION AMOUNT  
DETERMINING DEVICE, METHOD FOR  
THEM AND FARM WORKING  
DETERMINATION ASSISTING SYSTEM

Examiner: P. J. Assouad

**CHANGE OF FIRM NAME**

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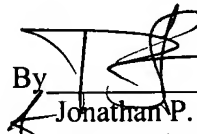
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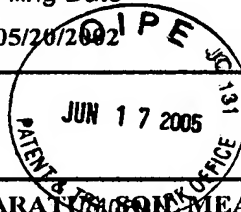
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Invention: **SOIL MEASURING APPARATUS FOR MEASUREMENT ASSISTING DEVICE AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH A PROGRAM IS RECORDED, RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH DATA IS RECORDED, APPLICATION AMOUNT CONTROLLER, APPLICATION AMOUNT DETERMINING DEVICE...**

I hereby declare that I am:

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF CONCERN: Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology TLO Co., Ltd.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN: 2-24-16 Naka-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo 184-8588 Japan

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- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
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